

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Group Art Unit: 1618  
Bruce F. Johnson, et al. : Examiner: Leah H. Schlientz  
Serial No. 10/647,979 :  
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TITLE: COMPOUNDS AND KITS FOR PREPARING  
IMAGING AGENTS AND METHODS OF MAKING

**Response to Office Action Under 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on October 25, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. Applicants herewith petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for reply to the Office action for one month from January 25, 2007 to February 26, 2007, as February 25, 2007 fell on a Sunday. The Office is hereby authorized to charge the \$120 fee therefor set by 37 C.F.R §1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account 07-0868; any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account. Accordingly, the period for response with a one-month extension of time expires on February 26, 2007, and the response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.